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Minutes to the March 18, 2014 Meeting

The Lyceum Resource and Conference Center
227 Lawrence St, Hartford, CT 06106

Present (Commissioners): Glenn Cassis, Marie Spivey, Gregory Stanton, Cathy Graves, Stephanie Knutson, Jose Ortiz, Colleen Gallagher, Ann Ferris, Brad Plebani, Christine Palm, Stephanie Paulmeno, Marjorie Colebut Jackson, Margaret Hynes (designee).

(Public): Helen Newton, Elizabeth Krause, Subira Gordon, Laura Bartok, Betty Murray, Cherese Douglas, Brian Goodgion

Call-in: None

Absent: Sylvia Gafford-Alexander, Kristin Noelle-Hatcher, Werner Oyanadel, Marja Hurley, James Gatling, Vickie Veltri, Mui-Mui Hin-McCormick, Paul Cleary, Michael Williams

1. **Welcome by Chairwoman Dr. Marie Spivey**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 12:00 Noon
2. **Meeting Minutes from 1/21/2014 Commission Meeting brought up for approval:**
 - a. Motion by: Greg Stanton
 - b. Seconded by: Glenn Cassis
 - c. The Commission voted to approve the minutes

3. Treasurer's Report (given by Executive Director Helen D. Newton, MD)

- a. Proposed Budget presented and brought up for acceptance
- b. Motion by: Cathy Graves
- c. Seconded by: Ann Ferris
- d. The Commission voted to approve the proposed budget for the Commission on Health Equity

4. Executive Director's Report (given by Executive Director Helen D. Newton, MD)

- a. Gave updates about meetings about the budget with members and staff of the Appropriations Committee and Regulations and Sub-committee; Met with Representative Beth Bye
- b. Discussed the idea of Health Impact Assessments as a future project for the Commission regarding the disproportionate number of men of color incarcerated in prisons and the disproportionate number of children of color removed from their homes.
- c. Discussed Implementation strategy for the CLAS Standards trainings in progress- Completed the first module on March 18, 2014 and reminded everyone about the second module that is scheduled for April 15, 2014.

5. Public Voice Committee

- a. Presented meeting minutes from 2/7/2014
- b. Items the Committee has worked and is working on:
 - i. "Everything is Health" film-series. Working on Episode 1, which will include clips from Commissioners speaking about the Commission on Health Equity and why they believe focusing on health equity is important
 - ii. Sabbath Week
 - iii. Chair Stephanie Paulmeno represented the Commission on Health Equity at a number of different forums and discussions in Stamford.

6. Legislative Committee Report:

- a. Helen D. Newton introduced Laura Bartok, the new Legislative Analyst for the Commission
 - i. Laura discussed H.B. 5457 and H.B. 5537 with the Commission
- b. Glenn Cassis stepped up to become the new Chair of the Legislative Committee
- c. Elizabeth Krause volunteered to join the Committee
- d. Subira Gordon offered comments on the Virtual Legislative Committee that has been formed to coalesce ideas and work formats

7. Communications Committee Report

- a. Christine Palm updated the Commission on the work of the Committee and the meeting with the interns to update the web site and to start a Face

Book page for the Commission on Health Equity.

8. Resource Committee Report

- a. No Report

9. Youth Committee Report

- a. No Report

10. Data Committee Report

- a. No Report

11. Presentation:

- a. Presentation by Cheri C. Wilson of Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions on the Clearview 360 Suite of Assessment tools designed by Dr. Thomas La Veist as the only web based assessment tool that exists for health care, mental health and human service agencies and organizations.
 - i. Quick preview of training

12. Adjournment.

- a. Meeting adjourned at 12:55PM.